GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:59
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2002
SHARING OF RAVI BEAS WATER
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for Interpretation of Clause I & II of Ravi-Beas Agreement of 1981 and non-finalisation of formulation for Distribution of Ravi-Beas river water between Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal;

(c) whether the Government propose to call another meeting of Chief Ministers to discuss this long outstanding issue and take a final decision in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As the subject of the proposal viz. restoration of 0.6 MAF of Rajasthan's total share of 8.6 MAF could not be resolved in the meetings of the Bhakra Beas Management Board, nor could a draft agreement made by the Central Government containing decisions on various water related issues including restoration of 0.6 MAF as taken in the meetings of the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan convened during July/August, 1992 besigned by the Chief Ministers, the Government is continuing its endeavour to convene another meeting of the Chief Ministers while the Bhakra BeasManagement is distributing Ravi-Beas waters according to an ad hoc interim arrangement decided in its meeting held in December, 1982.